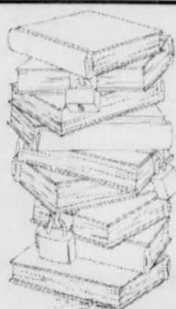


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Opposing views tackles whether international students should be allowed to take certain classes that could be used against the nation in a terrorist attack.

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SJSU students climb toward higher fitness goals at Planet Granite, a rock climbing gym in Santa Clara.

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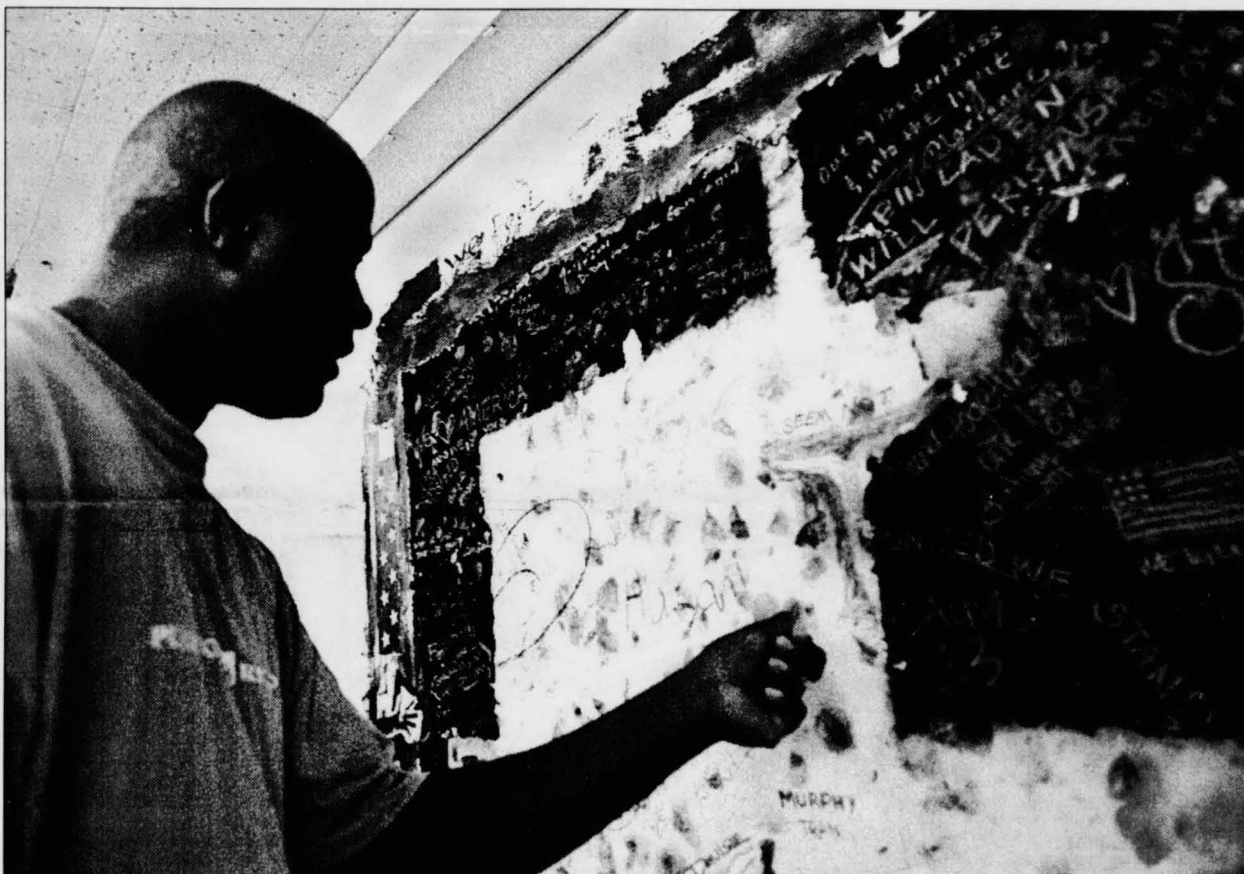
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GETTING PERSONAL

SJSU students write messages, thoughts and feelings about the terrorist attacks on a 6- by 10-foot letter in the Art building.

By Moses Peraza / Daily Staff Writer



Aaron Hill, an art major, touches recent work created by Professor Leroy Parker. The piece hangs in the Art building where students are encouraged to sign their personal message about the Sept. 11th tragedy.



Linda Ozaki / Daily Staff

A recent work by Professor LeRoy Parker currently hangs in the Art building.

When you walk in the east hall of the Art building, there is a black and white letter hanging across from the department's office. The letter is approximately 6 feet by 10 feet and is decorated with pink rose petals, which are dotted throughout the white background. The border is made of canvas and has an American flag. It features pictures of the events that transpired on Sept. 11, such as people running from the World Trade Center and rescue workers working at ground zero.

Some San Jose State University students wrote messages of hope, patriotism and tolerance on the piece.

One student, who signed her name Sarah, wrote, "Forget for one minute that you are American and realize that you are a citizen of the world."

Another student anonymously wrote, "There is sweetness in revenge but greatness in forgiveness."

Leo wrote, "Don't mess with the stripes or you'll see the stars."

While Vanessa C. wrote, "Tolerance: Lets not lose our humanity in search of justice."

Leroy Parker, art teacher who teaches papermaking, watercolors and figure design said he put the letter up in

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Expo helps students with career choices

By Devin O'Donnell

DAILY STAFF WRITER

Perhaps the sign, hanging in the Umunhum room of the Student Union, brightly painted with the words, "Exploring the Possibilities," best described the goal of the fifth annual Health Science Expo.

Exploring the possibilities of a career in the field of health science was the point, said Dr. Daniel Perales, adviser of the health science department.

The expo began with greetings and introductions by Lauren Droira, chairwoman of the Health Science Undergraduate Student Association, who helped coordinate the event.

Perales then introduced the

panelists, who were San Jose State University health science graduates.

The panelists made up two different panels: health care management and community health education, Perales said.

The first panel, Health Care Management, delved into the business of delivering health care services, while Community Health Education, the second panel, addressed the business opportunities available.

Students such as Samaha Norris, a senior majoring in health science, came to the expo looking for some direction after graduation.

"I went because I want to

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Mentor program may help new students adjust

By Colin Atagi

DAILY STAFF WRITER

Students who are new to campus will soon have a place to turn to when they are lost.

San Jose State University is putting together a peer mentor program to aid students in learning how to get better grades, find parking and meet people.

Jill Steinberg, the director of the peer mentor program, said

she originally came up with the idea to have the program during a sabbatical last year.

"I was studying stress, health and wellness of students," Steinberg said. "I wanted to see what the literature said about students dealing with stress and does it apply to students at San Jose State."

"After spending time reading, I

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Memorial to be held on campus

By Fernando F. Croce

DAILY STAFF WRITER

Terence Crowley's favorite teaching technique during his 22 years as a professor emeritus in the library and information science department at San Jose State University was among the things that kept him popular with students.

"His word assignments sent

students to research all the meanings of a word and then create a display of it," said Blanche Woolls, director of the department.

These assignments galvanized students as much for Crowley's engaging presentations as for his joy of teaching, Woolls said.

Crowley, who lived in Ben Lomond, Calif., died in June of lung cancer. He will be remembered in a memorial service to be

held on campus this week.

Besides being a voracious reader and a passionate educator, Crowley was also "a fine scholar, a great teacher and a wonderful human being," Woolls said.

"He was a teacher who, when a student brought a newborn to class, lectured holding the baby," she said.

Born in 1935, Crowley attended high school in Minnesota

before graduating with a bachelor's degree in liberal arts from the University of Notre Dame.

He joined the faculty of SJSU in 1978, 10 years after earning his doctorate in library science from Rutgers University in New Jersey.

Crowley held a national reputation as a library and information science educator and as an

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Fair promotes living and learning abroad

By Karen Kerstan

DAILY STAFF WRITER

Adriana Garcia, a freshman, envisioned the possibilities for her future.

"I'd like to go to Madrid and learn old Spanish and maybe even become a Spanish teacher someday," she said, holding a small stack of foreign brochures.

Garcia was one of many students who visited the Study Abroad fair on Monday looking for information about living and learning in a foreign country.

Six tables, hosted by affiliates and guests of the San Jose State University study abroad program, lined the walkway in front of the Music building, each manned by recruiters who were providing information about their specific program.

Dave Rudel, SJSU's study abroad coordinator, organized the

fair and said the experience of studying abroad is rewarding. Rudel said he spent time as a student in Zimbabwe and Japan before joining the SJSU staff and is excited to help other students trot the globe as well.

"It's a life-changing experience," Rudel said.

The study abroad office, located in the Administration building, offers students opportunities in the International Program, an overseas study program sponsored by the California State University system. The program provides international academic courses to students who wish to live abroad while going to college.

Jason Briones, a junior in industrial technology, said he has considered living in Europe for some time and was pleased to come across the fair.

"My friend who goes to New

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Ben Liebenberg / Daily Staff

Dave Rudel talks to San Jose State University student Michelle Murphy about the study abroad program. Study abroad was one booth that was part of the International Fair on Monday at the Paseo de Cesar Chavez.

OPPOSING

Should foreign students be restricted from taking 'sensitive' classes at American universities?

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Restricting classes to foreign students — a temporary solution to a permanent problem

Don't get me wrong. I'm not a communist nor a racist nor a close-minded person. I am, however, a worried, scared and concerned American. After hearing that some of the terrorists were students at a flight-training school in Florida, I wondered how we could let terrorists train in our country.

If the Federal Aviation Administration has laid out more restrictions at airports, why can't school boards impose more restrictions at the colleges and universities here in the United States?

Although I believe colleges and universities should continue to accept international students, they should be cautious of the students taking classes that relate to terrorism such as business, biology and, especially, aviation.

Here are some examples of the training the suspected terrorists received in the United States:

First, Mohammed Atta, one of the suspected terrorists, and others from the terrorist group, trained at a flight-training school in Florida from July to December last year.

Second, another suspected terrorist, Zacarias Moussawi trained at another flight-training school in Oklahoma from February to May, according to the San Francisco Chronicle.

He originally tried to train in Minnesota.

Third, a flight-training school near Phoenix claimed to train a man with "the same name" as Hani Hanjour, another suspected terrorist, the San Francisco Chronicle stated.

I don't think it was just a coincidence the two have the same name.

Hanjour was a member of the Sawyer School of Aviation,

which allows its members access to a flight simulator for \$200 a month, reported the San Francisco Chronicle.

According to The Chronicle of Higher Education, Hanjour received his student visa because he was accepted to Holy Names College in Oakland, Calif. to study English.

After reviewing these facts, I'm afraid cypocrit terrorists will enter the colleges and universities in the United States.

Hanjour was already accepted to a college, why couldn't other terrorists?

If these suspected terrorists had not trained in the United States, would the attacks still have happened?

I think not, since the suspected terrorists came here either for the advanced training they could find or because it was simply easier for them to train here and not in their own countries.

According to U.S. News and World Report, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Fla., is the top undergraduate aeronautical engineering university in the United States. Seventeen percent of its student body is made up of international students.

Among the countries that are most represented at the university are Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Egypt, which are some of the countries the suspected terrorists are from.

U.S. News and World Report stated, "Nearly 11,000 U.S. student visas have been issued to students from foreign countries that support terrorism."

Being that almost 515,000 international students enrolled in colleges and universities in the United States last year, and 66,305 of them enrolled in California, I believe that is a cause for concern.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein may share the same sentiments of concern about terrorists being schooled in the United States.

The Chronicle of Higher Education reported that Feinstein might "propose legislation that would prevent the federal government from issuing any student visas for the next six months."

I support all students receiving an education. I do not, however, support aiding possible terrorists in attacking my country.

The United States and the government are highly sensitive on many issues right now. Hopefully, they won't overlook the one thing that may stop this from ever happening again.

LISA BUTT

DAILY STAFF WRITER

I'm afraid cypocrit terrorists will enter the ... universities in the United States

Banning 'sensitive' classes to students will not help solve national security concerns

It has been a little more than two weeks since the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, and the shock of the nation has quickly given way to anger — and, inevitably, to paranoia. Although an official declaration of war has not yet been made, mutual trust can already be counted as a casualty. In a recent article, the San Jose Mercury News identified the hijackers as having been "moving largely unbothered in a society that counts openness and diversity as strengths."

Suspicion has blazed like a brush fire through such American systems as the economy, international relations and now, education.

As reported in a recent New York Times article, access by foreign students to sensitive courses at U.S. universities has come under a particularly scathing brand of fire since the revelation that the terrorists responsible for the attacks had received training at American flight schools.

Congress, according to the article, ordered the Immigration and Naturalization Service to create a system for tracking some half a million foreign students attending American universities and colleges when the World Trade Center was first subjected to bombings eight years ago.

The system, which I am sure will pick up steam more than ever now, will allow law enforcement officials to access information about students' names, grades, decided majors as well as any changes in majors.

Rather than rattle on about the evils of Big Brotherism versus good ol' American freedom, I first want to make clear that I support the country to take a good look within rather than outside itself, since our home sail is where I think our collective attention should be.

That said, I am a foreign-born student, myself, whose English is pidgin at best, and I would hate to have my academic life put under a government microscope, because I might fall under what they consider a kamikaze suspect list.

Right now, it's a time when most critical thoughts directed toward the course of action taken by the U.S. government will meet raised eyebrows, if not downright hostility, from some people who just do not want to hear any of it.

Yet, at the risk of being seen as virulently un-American, I say we need to keep our minds clear and our critical instincts sharp as we try to remain unaffected by paranoid xenophobia.

According to statistics, the number of international students attending colleges and universities in the United States in the 2000-2001 academic year totaled 514,723, and the preferred fields of study were business and management, engineering, mathematics and computer sciences.

But what "sensitive" classes is the Congress talking about when foreign students come up? Advanced technologies in chemical, biological and nuclear fields — but I don't think it really matters. A class is a class, and if foreign students in advanced technological studies are to be tracked and kept in check, the effect in their freedom will be the same as if the classes were the most basic education.

Why not go whole-hog and throw the net over basic English, so that students won't be able to follow their commands from the Mighty Leader?

It isn't sarcasm, but anger. I am angry at an "anti-terrorism" act that, instead of appeasing a climate of fear and fury, will further limit foreign students' freedom.

As stated in the New York Times article, fears of anti-foreign resentment in American universities has been increasingly muted by a growing regard for security concerns.

Colleges and universities initially opposed to the tracking program now embrace it, for as the Association of International Educators stated, "the time for debate on this matter is over."

When the time for any kind of debate, particularly on education, is announced to be over, it's time for us to worry.

In a recent article for the online magazine Salon, Anthony Romero, the executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union, grouped the tracking process with other actions as "offensive to the Constitution and an affront to the millions of law-abiding immigrants in our country as well as the millions of other citizens who are sons and daughters of immigrants."

What supporters of the tracking program may fail to note are its long-term implications, which would include, according to Romero, a subtle incorporation of mistrust and racial profiling as being acceptable in the fabric of American procedures.

Let me remind everybody that we have won wars before by amplifying the education of our students, not by treating them as budding spies in a world where the term "foreign" becomes synonymous with "un-American."

FERNANDO CROCE

DAILY STAFF WRITER

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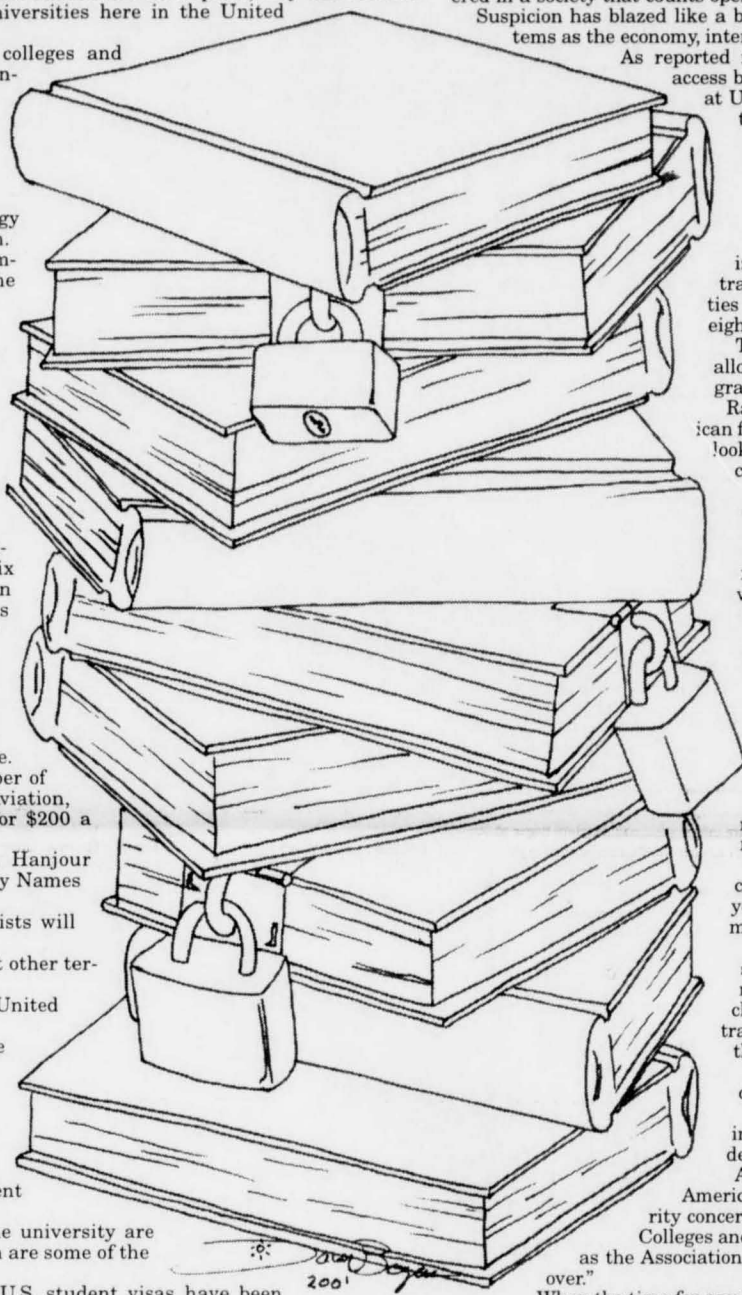


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TALKING HEADS

Should foreign students not be allowed to take terrorist-emphatic classes?



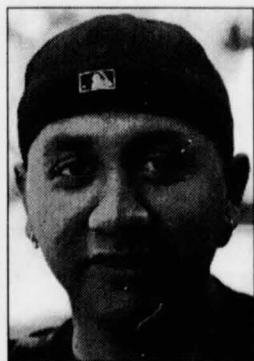
"I think they should (be able to take what they want), because many shouldn't be penalized for the action of a few."

— Anna Mirsky
sophomore
advertising



"No, I don't think so. They should be able to learn whatever they want, not just because they're from a different country."

— Frances Fontecha
freshman
undeclared



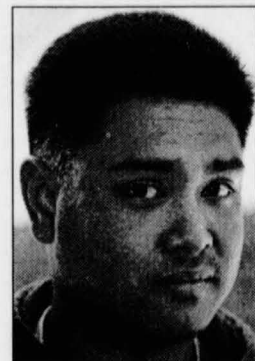
"No, I don't see the point. You can't really tell who's going to be a bad person or a good person just because they take an aviation class."

— Armando Rodriguez
junior
social work



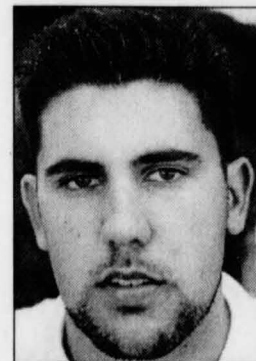
"No, I think they're entitled to take whatever courses they need or want to in order to complete their education as needed."

— Jennifer Leung
sophomore
industrial engineer



"No ... It's a land of equal opportunity, and they're coming over here because they might not have the opportunities to learn in their own country."

— Joel Pelegrino
freshman
health science



"No, absolutely not ... I think students come to this country to flourish and not to destroy it."

— Ryan Farsai
junior
marketing

Compiled by Todd Hendry and photos by Omar Ornelas

Viewpoint

Options to military force

Since Bush keeps plugging this as a war against terrorism (not the civilians of Afghanistan), we need nothing less than to overhaul the current security operations in all national airports.

This elusive war requires nothing less than the deployment of military personnel to effectively dissuade potential terrorists. In addition to a greater sense of security, the trained military and security guards would be serving their country in a suitable fashion. By directing their efforts on prevention, the military will have a specific job to do, and Americans would be safer.

Terrorism's battlefield is now in these main nerves for travel, in airports and in airplanes, not on foreign soil. The enemy has been spotted in Florida and San Diego, not Afghanistan.

To say that this military approach to improve security would be too drastic or too "big brother" is an issue for when our country is not at war with an elusive enemy. Terrorism isn't a country. It is not an enemy we can infiltrate easily.

The current security situation includes simply hiring more men and women to work eight-hour days, making less than \$10 an hour, with no real training. By deploying armed military instead of employing underpaid workers, we can increase our security as well as spend less, by using a group that is already made to be deployed at a moment's notice.

The U.S. Coast Guard has the power to stop and board any private boat at any time if it is suspected of trafficking. Why can't the Air Force have a similar post for our airports?

The government has started to allocate millions to upgrade security without definition of the improvements to be made. By hearing about the spending of millions of dollars, we are led into a false sense of security about the actual safety of air travel. By seeing these official guards, Americans will feel more protected in this time of insecurity.

Anna Bakalis
junior
art history

Keep guns out of cockpit, focus on flying instead

When you think of pilots, airplanes immediately follow — at least I think of airplanes. But some people are apparently thinking about guns.

In lieu of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, in which four airplanes were hijacked, the Air Line Pilots Association is trying to allow the pilots in its union to carry firearms, according to a Sept. 25 article in the New York Times.

Armed pilots ... think about it.

These people are trained to fly planes. I think they should be focusing on that.

People have enough problems walking and chewing gum at the same time.

Throw guns in the mix and things are bound to get ugly.

There are thousands of accidents on the roads every year.

People get distracted, especially while driving.

The radio's on. The phone is ringing. A friend is gabbing in your ear.

I can only imagine pilots.

Ground control gives instructions. The talkative co-pilot gabs in your ear. Stewardesses ask if

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you want something to drink. Everyone needs bathroom breaks.

But it's taking off and landing that scares me the most.

According to the New York Times article, pilots are held in place by over-the-shoulder harnesses during takeoffs and landings.

Controlling the plane at that time takes skill. For my sake, I'd prefer the pilot to focus on landing the plane.

And if they're strapped in, what are they going to do — recline the seat to shoot the terrorist?

If potential hijackers know that pilots had guns on planes they may think twice. But if they consider their cause a holy war, guns won't stop them either.

Guns may prevent a hijacking, but they may not stop the loss of life.

Who says these guys are prepared to carry guns?

Guns are funny things. I grew up around guns, I'm comfortable enough to shoot them at paper targets, but I respect the power they wield.

Guns are powerful weapons. Have you ever held one?

They're heavy. They're solid. They're made to fit into your hand.

But when you pull the trigger, there's this sudden, explosion.

It's deafening.

Your hands are literally forced back by the recoil.

And it's more than a gun you hold in your hand.

You could be holding someone's life in your hands.

Mind you, gun-related accidents happen every day.

People who have guns or carry them around may say they feel safer having them.

But if you strap one on, you better be prepared to use it.

If you pull a gun on a terrorist, you better be prepared to pull the trigger.

You better be prepared to take a human life.

And you better hit your target.

Although the New York Times reported officials as saying a bullet hole in an airplane wouldn't force the plane to land, why would you risk it?

What if you miss?

You could hit a stewardess or an old man.

You could hit a pregnant woman or a child.

And what if the terrorist takes the gun from you?

Then what do you do?

Guns are just something else that can go wrong.

If pilots want guns on their planes, put sky marshals on them.

They're trained to handle terrorist situations.

Pilots should just stick to flying the plane and getting it, and all its passengers, to the airport safely.

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Today

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Library Donations and Sales Unit

Close-out book sale, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Clark Library, Room 408. For more information, call Lucy Yonemura at 924-2705.

Department of Nutrition and Food Science

Come check out the latest in body composition testing, 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. in the Central Classroom building. Students pay \$5. Staff and faculty members pay \$10. For more information, call Sherry at 206-7599.

Gay Lesbian Bisexual and Transgendered Alliance (GLBTA)

Weekly club meeting, 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. at the Costanoan room in the Student Union. For more information, e-mail Derrick at stargazer2004@gay.com.

A.S. Campus Recreation

Rock climb weekend pre-trip meeting, 5 p.m. at the Montalvo room in the Student Union. For more information, call Matt McNamara at 924-6217.

Students for Justice

Weekly meeting, 5 p.m. at the Pacheco room in the Student Union. Join Students for Justice as we plot world donations and progressive campus campaigns. For more information, call Vanessa at 504-9554.

Student Life Center

New officer orientation, 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Guadalupe room in the Student Union. For more information, call 924-5950.

Anthropology and Behavioral Science Club

Guest speaker Dennis Burke, fingerprint expert, 3 p.m. in Washington Square Hall, Room 4. For more information, call Erika at 507-8535.

Asian American Christian Fellowship

Large group, 7:30 p.m. at the Pacifica room in the Student Union. For more information, call Alison at 971-4082 or Ann at 807-8233.

Catholic Campus Ministry

Daily mass, 12:10 p.m. at the Campus Ministry Chapel. For more information, call Sister Marcia at 938-1610.

School of Music and Dance

Choreography I showing, 1:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. at the Spartan Complex, Room 219. For more information, call Fred Mathews at 924-5044.

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Weekly Spiritual Explorers meetings, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Campus Ministry on 10th Street. Want to come out of the closet spiritually? Come for discussion, reflection, meditation, singing, ritual, liturgy and a supportive environment to be the spiritual person you are. All spiritual traditions are welcome. For more information, call chaplain Roger at 605-1687 or visit the Web site sjspirit.org.

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Anemia Film Club

"Mystery Train" by Jim Jarmush (U.S.A. 1989), 9:30 p.m. in Sweeney Hall, Room 100. For more information, call Elena Kor-jenevich at 286-8698.

Women of Color Conference Steering Committee

Planning meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Chicano Library Resource Center, Modular A. Be prepared to talk about themes, speakers and fund-raising ideas. For more information, call Erika at 507-8535.

The Listening Hour

Chamber music, 12:30 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. in the Music building Concert Hall. SJSU Woodwind Quintet performs music of the Baroque, Classical and Romantic periods. For more information, call Joan Stubbe at 924-4631.

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Mysterious stench prompts evacuation

By Ben Aguirre Jr.
DAILY MANAGING EDITOR

Students and professors were forced to evacuate the Industrial Studies building about 5 p.m. Tuesday after the University Police Department received reports of an unidentified odor lingering throughout the building, police said.

The two-story building, located near the Student Union, was vacated for nearly 30 minutes as San Jose fire crews searched the building for the mysterious stench.

No injuries were reported.

Robert Milnes, director of the art and design department, said he was in the Art building when he was notified by Professor Tony May, who was teaching an art class in the auto bay of the building.

Milnes said May and his students reported there was an odor coming from a steam pipe in the back of the classroom.

"It was a very acrid smell," Milnes said. "But we wanted to make sure it was safe."

Milnes said he initially thought the stench was from decaying art material. Some students gagged as they caught a whiff of the scent, according to Milnes.

Sgt. John Laws of UPD said two fire engines, a truck and a hazardous materials truck arrived on the scene within minutes, but noted that the building was deemed safe at about 5:30 p.m.

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Saudi Arabia severs its ties with the Taliban

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — All but sealing Afghanistan's isolation, Saudi Arabia formally severed relations with the hard-line Taliban government on Tuesday. Stung, the Taliban denounced the Saudi move as intolerable to all Muslims and accused it of siding with "the infidel forces."

The Saudi Foreign Ministry informed Taliban charge d'affaires Molavi Muttiallah of the decision and asked him to leave the country within 48 hours, the official Saudi Press Agency said Tuesday night. It wasn't immediately clear when the two-day period began.

Meanwhile, fierce fighting was

reported in northern Afghanistan, where an opposition alliance is trying to wrest strategic territory from Taliban fighters. Reports were sketchy, and the two sides made conflicting claims that could not be reconciled.

From the organization of Osama bin Laden, the accused

terrorist mastermind at the heart of the hardening confrontation between Afghanistan and a U.S.-led coalition, came a volley of new threats. "Wherever there are Americans and Jews, they will be targeted," said a statement issued in the name of Naeem Ahmed Mujahed, military chief for bin Laden's al-Qaida network.

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A professor of many talents

By Joannie Sevilla

DAILY STAFF WRITER

Dr. James Schmidt is a professor who has worn many hats in his long career.

Schmidt started his career in high school and has since achieved accomplishments such as becoming the first chief infor-

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mation officer of San Jose State University and winning the James Madison Freedom of Information Award in March.

Besides being an advocate for freedom of information rights in libraries, Schmidt said he also plays golf, reads mystery books and enjoys playing bridge with his wife and friends.

As the only boy in the family, Schmidt grew up with his widowed mother and older sisters in Flint, Mich., where he was recruited into playing bridge at 11 years old after his older sister married and moved out.

"I have 2.65 master points," Schmidt said about the bridge competitions he attended as a bachelor. "I'm a life master."

According to Schmidt, it took about half a dozen tournaments at approximately four hours each to accumulate the points he earned.

His career as a librarian holds a much higher number, 35 years to be exact, which gives him a lot more than a few master points to show for it.

In high school, Schmidt said he started out at the local library as a janitor and "coal stoker" who was responsible for making sure there was enough coal in the furnace.

After earning degrees in philosophy, political science, consti-

tutional law and library sciences, Schmidt came to SJSU as a librarian in 1992. He became involved in the campus utilities infrastructure project from 1998-1999, after being named the university's first chief information officer by university president, Robert Caret.

"There was a lot of digging and ditches dug up everywhere," Schmidt said.

The ditches and tunnels would eventually accommodate the high-speed data cables that now network the university.

After his 11 months of double-duty as the university librarian and CIO, Schmidt took part in the planning study that eventually led to construction documents to build the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library in 1999.

"It's going to be a unique, one-of-a-kind library," he said.

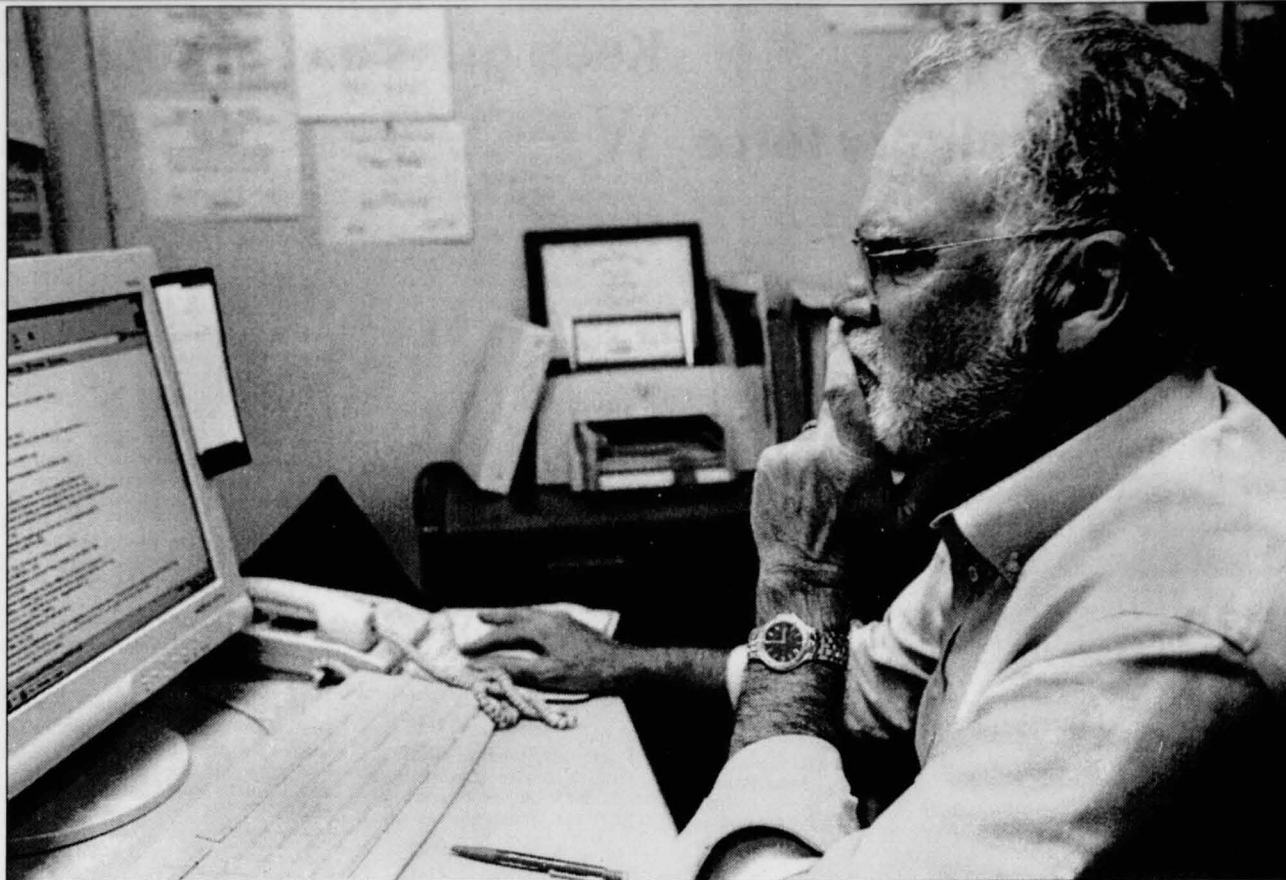
He attended preliminary meetings for the joint-use library that will be open to SJSU students and the citizens of San Jose.

"The eighth floor will be a reading room with 18-foot ceilings and 300 to 400 seats," Schmidt said. "It will be reminiscent of the grand reading rooms in the libraries of New York."

Schmidt also served on the Child Online Protection Act Commission, in which he raised questions about the censoring of the Internet in libraries to protect children.

"What we don't know the answer to is what are the kinds of persons who seem to be negatively affected, and is there anything that we can think of that is genetic?" Schmidt asked.

Schmidt said the question is, every bit of a nature versus nurture issue and is endlessly discussed in the classes and seminars he teaches and among First



Omar Ornelas / Daily Staff

James Schmidt, a professor in the library and information sciences department, has been a librarian for more than 30 years and

Amendment advocates.

Schmidt said he teaches a class, Libraries and Society and a seminar in intellectual freedom and academic libraries to students in the masters program.

He teaches students that hold majors from all different departments such as art and humanities, English, history and social sciences.

"With a masters degree in library science," Schmidt said, "students can move on to work in art, corporate and school libraries."

According to Schmidt, the

image of a librarian has completely changed in the 21st century.

He said the librarian of today works in "in-house" libraries within companies that depend on them for information tailored to its specific practice.

Dr. Blanche Woolls, director for the library and information sciences department, said Schmidt is someone who should be honored.

"He is extremely thoughtful, with a good sense of the whole picture," Woolls said. "He is also very articulate and brings pres-

was active in the preliminary planning of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library.

tige to the department. He is a nationally recognized expert who is called upon for advice or counsel on issues of intellectual freedom."

Schmidt also spent three years as president of the Freedom to Read Foundation, which was the legal-defense arm of the American Library Association that dealt only with First Amendment litigations.

Judith Krug of the American Library Association worked with Schmidt when he was a chair for the intellectual freedom committee.

"As a unit representative on our Freedom to Read meetings, he would turn up in his golf sweaters so we really knew where he was going afterwards," Krug said. "He's also a wonderful cook."

Schmidt's reputation for being easy to work with resonated in Krug's description about him.

"He's a wonderful person who is caring, smart as a whip and so bright. He is a pleasure to work with. It was nirvana when he served as a chair on our ALA Intellectual freedom committee."

ART: The artist plans to send the letter to New York City

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the Art building on Thursday.

Parker said he was concerned that when he came in Tuesday morning the letter would be vandalized or stolen.

The paper was made from plant fibers that were processed into a pulp, and the rose petals, which came from the roses in his garden, had to be dyed so they wouldn't turn brown while on the letter, Parker said.

"I created this spontaneously and as a good gesture," he said.

Parker said he was going to document and photograph the letter.

He said he was planning to send the letter to New York's mayor, Rudolph Giuliani, but did-

n't know if Giuliani was the right person to send it to.

Parker said he felt the mayor sometimes doesn't react well to art.

Aaron Hill, a junior art major, said he remembers when he first saw the letter.

"First, people who saw it weren't sure if they could write on it," he said.

Hill said he asked if students could write on it, and when he and others found out they could, he soon saw it evolve to what it is now.

Some students' reaction to the letter was positive, but others voiced their concerns toward the attacks against Muslims in the United States.

Lemuel Herring, a junior

majoring in digital animation, said people need to blame those who are responsible and not take it out on the Muslim community.

"It's history repeating itself all over again," he said. "First it was the Japanese in World War II, and now it is the Muslims."

Herring said some people become patriotic after a major tragedy strikes the United States, but he does not notice the same attitude before such an event.

Some students, such as senior Audrie Nguyen, said they thought Parker's letter sent a positive message.

"It shows our support," said Nguyen, a design study major. "Because students care enough to sign."

in her own interests.

"It definitely gives feedback into all that we do in school and why we take the classes we take," Pinel said. "It's encouraging to see graduates make it actually using their degrees and to hear how they got where they are now. I think they should expand this kind of expo that shows life after graduation to every major," she said.

According to Perales, those who attended the expo were a "smattering of new students, but most were close to graduating and looking for leads afterward."

Perales said more than a few dozen students attended the expo.

In his final address, Perales said that every year students say they are happy they attended the expo and usually come away with proof that all the papers and all the exams and midterms are worth it.

EXPO: The event is in its fifth consecutive year at SJSU

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know the different areas of work, not just in pharmaceutical or biotech industries," Norris said. "I wanted to know what to expect in terms of pay and stuff."

Rebecca Hessing-McDonald, a panelist, is a health educator for the Santa Clara County Tobacco Control Program.

She said she graduated in 1996, in the concentration of community health education, which mainly deals with prevention.

Hessing-McDonald said she is involved with 13 other health educators who emphasize the importance of education in the advocacy of smoke-free bars, schools and quit-smoking classes.

Perales said it was community educators, some who graduated from SJSU, who paved the way for policy advocacy such as the indoor smoke-free environment of California.

Part of the event's purpose,

Perales said, was to provide students a chance to see other areas of health science. Health educator Ka'shiim Clemmon was one example, and as a panelist, she shared her story.

Clemmon graduated in May of 2001 and has a career with the West Oakland Health Center.

"Two weeks before I graduated, I had a job," Clemmon said. "It's really about who you know, and this health program helped me network with the right people."

After the introduction, the expo broke into two panels.

"We created this break-away session to show students more up close that real SJSU graduates from our program have made it in the real world," Perales said.

Sandra Pinel, a senior majoring in health care management, said she was pleased with the panelists because they were proof that she can be successful

CROWLEY: Remembrance slated for 1:30 p.m. on Thursday

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advocate for students from diverse backgrounds — a support that never wavered, Woolls said.

Cynthia Margolin, associate dean at the Undergrad Studies Office, said Crowley will be missed.

"He was just an incredible, generous person," Margolin said.

Crowley received the first Association of Library and Information Science Educators Award for Teaching Excellence in 1993, after serving as a visiting scholar for the association at the Academy of Culture in St. Petersburg, Russia.

By the time he retired from SJSU in May 2000, Crowley was on the editorial board of Public & Access Services Quarterly Magazine.

Talking about Crowley brought warmly recalled anecdotes from his colleagues.

"His office was one of the most interesting," Woolls said. "Filled from top to bottom with things. One time his son, a fireman, arrived with three friends in their uniforms to show them his father's office, and the students in the next room thought they were going to close down the school."

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"He was, for many years, the only man in our all-female book club," Margolin said. "And he always did just great."

"Perhaps the greatest tribute," Woolls said, "was the number of students and alumni who returned last December, when we held a celebration of teaching in his honor."

Crowley is survived by his wife, Frances Bussard, sons Christopher and Steven, daughters Jennifer and Katherine and four grandchildren.

The remembrance service is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Thursday in the Spartan Memorial.



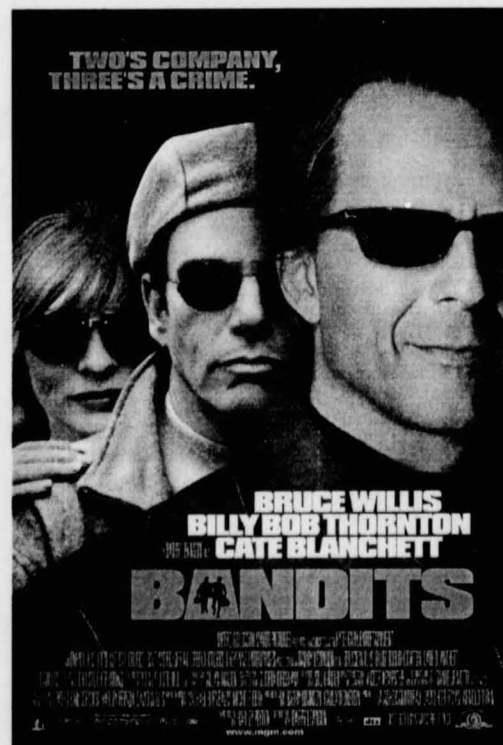
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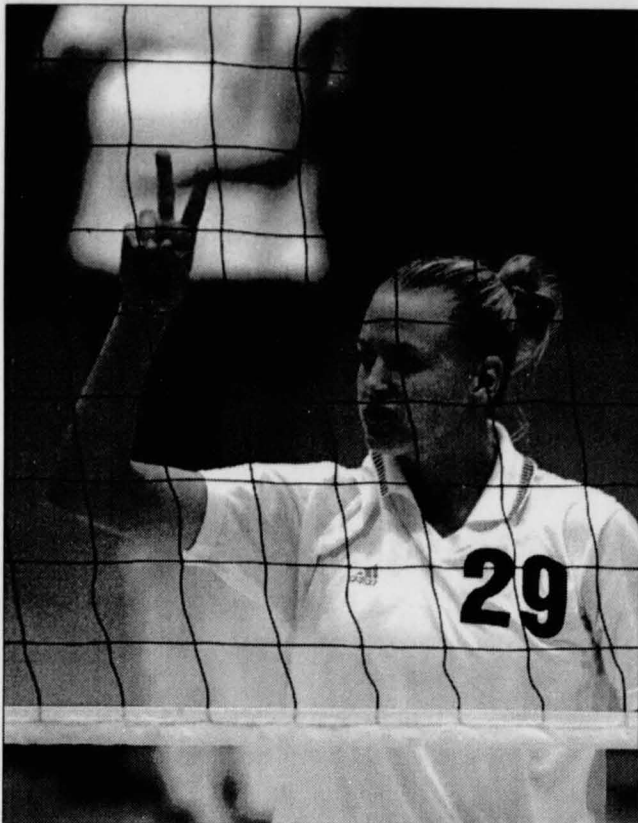
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Kimberly Noble's fingers may be up for the amount of wins the Spartans have had in the past week. In its past two games, San Jose State University beat up on Boise State and the University of San Francisco, and now they prepare to host the University of Texas-El Paso Miners on Thursday. The Spartans will then host another Western Athletic Conference opponent, Tulsa University, on Saturday.

SJSU won't be undermined again by UTEP, coach says

Marcus Fuller

DAILY SENIOR STAFF WRITER

The University of Texas-El Paso may be scraping the bottom of the Western Athletic Conference in hitting percentage, blocks and kills, but Spartan volleyball head coach Craig Choate knows not to underestimate the Miners this time.

UTEP, which hadn't beaten San Jose State University since 1996, came to the Event Center on Nov. 10 disguised as a fourth place squad in the conference.

The Miners left San Jose after stealing one from the Spartans, who had won eight-of-nine matches.

"Against UTEP, we actually won the first two games, and they came back and beat us in five," Choate said. "They can be dangerous, and the girls remember and should take care of that."

SJSU (9-2) was able to win its first conference match and lengthen its win streak to six matches with a smooth 3-0 victory at home against Boise State University last Friday, but Choate said he would still like to see more consistency all around.

"Everything went as we expected it to go against Boise State. They were 0-10 ... we

expected to be out in three," he said. "I want us to play a little sharper than we did this week."

The Spartans are scheduled to play two Western Athletic Conference Eastern Division teams this week at the Event Center. They will meet UTEP (4-4) on Thursday and Tulsa University (3-4) on Saturday. Both matches are slated to begin at 7 p.m.

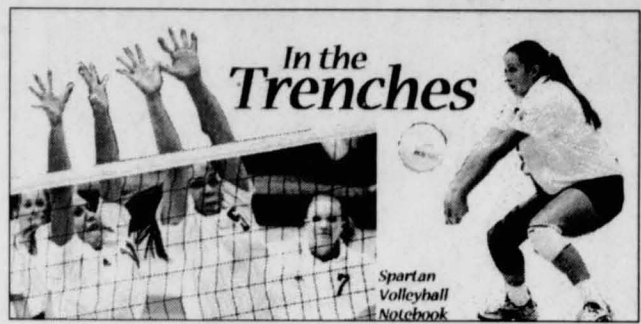
Blair on a roll

Senior outside hitter Brianna Blair was an integral part of the Spartans' last two wins against the University of San Francisco and Boise State.

Her performances earned her a nomination for WAC player of the week honors, but on Monday, the award went to the University of Hawaii's Kim Willoughby, who had 51 kills and 24 digs in two wins against nationally ranked Santa Clara.

Blair, who ranks second in the conference in kills behind Willoughby, had 43 kills (6.14 kills per game) while hitting 35 percent last week. She also tallied four service aces and 16 digs in two matches.

In the Sept. 18 match against USF, Blair had a season high 27 kills, one shy of her career high.



Against Boise State, she led the team with 16 kills and hit 40 percent.

"She's hitting at a career high right now," Choate said.

Blair recently moved past former Spartan Christa Cook (1984-1987) for fifth on the school's career kill list with 3,498 kills.

Mano gives kids glory

SJSU associate head coach Gary Mano was named co-club director for the Club Yahoo Volleyball Club this year.

Mano, who also heads a Spartan club for inner city youth, said he joined former U.S. national team member Denise Cortlett because he wanted to give play-

ers from different economic backgrounds the chance to compete at the club level.

"She (Denise) could have obviously coached anywhere, but she wanted to start something new," said Mano, who began coaching the 12-year-olds on the Yahoo team a year ago. "We were fortunate enough to get a sponsor who could support us ... a lot of kids couldn't afford to play for some of the other clubs because of the high costs."

In its first year, Club Yahoo won the 2000 Junior Olympics in the 16-year-old age group. Mano, who will now coach a team of 16-year-olds, coached a group of 12-year-olds to a bronze medal this past summer.

Spartan Stadium may lose Silicon Valley Bowl to Stanford

By Chris Giovannetti

DAILY STAFF WRITER

San Jose State University Athletic Director Chuck Bell's vision of keeping the Silicon Valley Classic at Spartan Stadium — and in San Jose — is a dream that may be dashed.

With a larger monetary offer on the table from Stanford University, the bowl's organizing committee could move this year's game to Stanford Stadium.

A decision about the location of the game is expected by Friday.

The Silicon Valley Classic is a postseason bowl game that is scheduled for Dec. 31.

Discussion about changing the game's location began in June when San Jose Mayor Ron Gonzales and the City Council approved the city budget, which began in July and runs until June 2002.

As part of the budget, Gonzales allocated \$150,000 — an amount he said was for the 2001 game.

Bowl officials, however, considered the money payment for last year's game.

"(Gonzales) claims the money was for this year," Bowl President Cindy Kenyon said. "He has it in his own reports that it is for last year, so I have no idea where he missed it at."

While Kenyon said she

expects to receive no money from the city, she said she was promised an "in-kind" contribution by the city that would cover security personnel and San Jose City Police among other things.

Last year's in-kind contribution totaled approximately \$100,000, Kenyon said.

"The fact is, we need community support, and community support also means financial support," Kenyon said. "We wouldn't want to see this bowl moved from San Jose, but at the same time, we need the fan base and support."

Bell specified four objections to why a bowl game is important to SJSU:

•SJSU, as an athletic pro-

gram, has an identity crisis. A bowl game would give the school nationwide attention.

•By hosting the game, SJSU would gain sizable revenue and needed additions to Spartan Stadium. The game would also bring in revenue to the athletic department to help finance other sports.

•In hosting, SJSU has the ability to make a statement that its football program is a healthy operation, as well as publicize its facilities, personnel and location.

•A bowl game hosted by a Western Athletic Conference team would give attention to the conference. WAC schools are only eligible for two bowls: the

Silicon Valley Classic and the Humanitarian Bowl in Boise, Idaho. Moving the game's site to a Pac-10 school could hinder the WAC's postseason opportunities.

In addition, Bell also cited reasons why a bowl game would be an important part in recognition for the city of San Jose.

"All bowl games that are played are hosted as Chamber of Commerce events for the city," he said. "People want to go to warm places in the 'winter.' San Jose has not accepted the concept that the game would mean added TV exposure, added tourism and business for the Chamber of Commerce, the Visitor and Convention Bureau, the Silicon Valley Manufacturers

Group and the City Government Office. I just hope they see the potential. That's my prayer."

The bowl committee hasn't specified Stanford as the imminent second option. A recent discussion with Pacific Bell Park as a location fell through as the park said bowl organizers had come to them on too short of notice.

"At this minute, it's all still preliminary," Kenyon said. "But we'll have an answer soon."

Bell said he is confident. "It's all about perception," Bell said. "A game hosted by Stanford might not draw more people or more advertising or different TV coverage, but it's just the name — Stanford."

No Bull: Jordan hath returned

WASHINGTON (AP) — The worst-kept secret in sports is out: Michael Jordan will play again in the NBA — and not just for one season, but two.

After months of hints, smiles and winks that kept his fans on edge, Jordan finally announced his comeback Tuesday, saying he would play for the Washington Wizards through 2003 and donate his first year's salary — \$1 million — to victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"I am returning as a player to the game I love," said Jordan, 38 and three years removed from what seemed to be a storybook ending to an unparalleled career. "I am especially excited about the Washington Wizards, and I'm convinced we have the foundation on which to build a playoff-contention team."

"The opportunity to teach our young players and help them elevate their game to a higher level, and to thank the fans in Washington for their loyalty and support, strongly influenced my decision," he said in a statement issued through his management agency.

The five-time league MVP, who retired for a second time in 1999 after leading the Chicago Bulls to their sixth title of the decade, made it official after clearing up a licensing issue with one of his sponsors — a disagreement that delayed the announcement by a day. NBA rules also required Jordan to sell his ownership stake in the Wizards.

Jordan never completely ruled out a comeback when he retired in January 1999, hedging his bets with the statement that he was "99.9 percent" certain he would never play again.

Leaving the door open, even by one-tenth of 1 percent, meant Jordan could slip back into a uniform without going back on his word.

Now, he has. "I am happy to welcome Michael Jordan, the player, back to the NBA, although, as commissioner, I am sorry to lose him

in the board room," NBA commissioner David Stern said. "Michael has always brought joy to basketball fans around the world, and, in these difficult times, we can all use a little more joy in our lives."

Jordan's announcement was sure to hearten a city — and an entire country — shocked by terrorism. Washington's economy has suffered since the Sept. 11 attacks, with Reagan National Airport remaining closed and hotel bookings far below capacity.

His regular-season debut will be Oct. 30 at Madison Square Garden against the New York Knicks, and his first home game for the Wizards will be Nov. 3 against Allen Iverson and the Philadelphia 76ers.

"This is certainly an extremely important moment in the history of our franchise. However, our excitement is muted by the world events that surround us," Wizards owner Abe Pollin said.

"The greatest player in the history of the game is joining my team, and for that I am extremely honored and pleased."

Jordan will be in the unusual position of playing for the coach he hired, Doug Collins, who joined the Wizards in April and also coached Jordan for three seasons with the Bulls in the 1980s. Jordan will share the court with players he signed, drafted and traded for, including high school sensation Kwame Brown, selected No. 1 overall by the Wizards in June, and veteran forward Christian Laettner — a graduate of Duke, the archival of Jordan's alma mater, North Carolina.

"We'll see how fast the No. 23 Wizards jersey becomes the No. 1 selling jersey in the NBA. That probably will start today," Collins said.

NBC said it would change its television schedule to include some Wizards games. Turner Sports will do the same, with TBS in line to air the season-opener.

Quakes to shake Crew

DAILY STAFF REPORT

The San Jose Earthquakes are scheduled to host the Columbus Crew in a quarterfinal match at 7 p.m. tonight at Spartan Stadium.

The Earthquakes (13-7-6), who won the first game of the series 3-1 in Columbus, Ohio, are in the playoffs for the first time since their inaugural year in 1996.

Forward Landon Donovan scored twice in Saturday's game to take the one-game lead. San Jose needs one more win to advance into the semifinal round.

The win in Columbus was San Jose's first win at Crew Stadium.

During the regular season, San Jose struggled against the Crew (13-7-6) losing its first

game 2-1 and tying the next 2-2.

At the end of the regular season, San Jose finished second place in the Western Division, good enough for the fifth seed in the playoffs. Columbus finished second in the Central Division and is the fourth seed.

San Jose defender Jeff Agoos is listed as probable to start because of a separated right shoulder injury and midfielder Ian Russell is questionable after a right hip flexor strain.

For the Crew, forward Brian McBride has been sidelined since August because of a problem with a recurring blood clot in his right arm.

Another Crew forward, Dante Washington, suffered a sprained medial collateral ligament in his right knee in the first playoff game.

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Corrections

There were four errors in Monday's sports article about the San Jose State University Volleyball team. Savannah Smith's name was misspelled and Stacey Pascucci is actually Stephanie Pascucci. The team's game against the University of Texas-El Paso is set for Thursday, not Wednesday. Also, the SJSU volleyball player in the photo is Savannah Smith, not Stephanie Pascucci. The Spartan Daily regrets the errors.

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Exercise that rocks



SJSU students climb toward fitness goals

By Karlie Reiss

DAILY STAFF WRITER

Belaying a friend exemplifies trust in a relationship. To have faith that the person below will not allow you to fall while scaling a wall of rock is an adrenaline rush, said Sarah McCalmon, an expert rock climber and trainer at Planet Granite, a rock climbing gym in Santa Clara.

Matt Stoft, Chuck Murphy and Melissa deVivar are among a group of friends who attend San Jose State University and have adopted rock climbing as a part of their exercise routine as well as their social life.

The group climbs at Planet Granite an average of once a week, according to deVivar.

"Rock climbing has strengthened my friendships with the people I go with," Stoft said. "We climb together, and then we start to do other things together, too. That's the good thing about it; it's a social thing as well."

To reach the top is the ultimate goal. Scaling the face of a rock is simply the path to a higher point and allows you to take your mind off of other things, McCalmon said.

"When I went for the first time, and I got to the top, I didn't want to come back down," deVivar said.

Lifting one's body up a vertical wall is the physical struggle that qualifies this form of fun as sport.

The indoor facility of Planet Granite is a maze of artificial rock with color-coordinated grips for different levels. At the bottom of the climb, it seems like a possible challenge to reach the top, McCalmon said. But scaling the 29-foot wall lends your body to believe differently, she said.

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state while climbing, then your body won't give up," McCalmon said.

Many people assume that rock climbing is an upper-body sport, an assumption that often causes beginners to start with bad technique when they don't know how to use their legs properly, Stoft said.

The muscles used depends on the type of climbing, according to McCalmon. The right way is to include all parts, both upper- and lower-body muscles to achieve good technique, she said.

"The whole point is to not use your upper body and focus on pushing up with your lower body," Stoft said. "It's when you begin to cheat and use the upper body that your arms and hands get worn out."

The upper-body workout, he said, comes into play without even trying.

This sport is a strength training exercise due to the fat burning aspects and ability to increase muscle mass, McCalmon said.

"A complementary activity, and many people agree with this, is yoga," McCalmon said.

"It allows you to focus, work on your strength training, mental training and your flexibility, which is very similar to climbing," Cardiovascular fitness

IF YOU GO...

Sarah McCalmon, rock climbing enthusiast and trainer at Planet Granite in Santa Clara offered the following tips for novice climbers:

READ ABOUT THE SPORT.

Arm yourself with climbing vocabulary and a general knowledge of techniques before you head to the gym.

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Learn how to check that your harness fits properly and that your knots are tied correctly.

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"I climb because it's an excuse to be outdoors, and it keeps me in shape."

— Matt Stoft
SJSU student, rock climber

improves climbing ability as well, McCalmon said.

"I weight lift along with climbing," Stoft said. "I also play racquetball, swim and bike in order to stay in shape."

Finding the next footing is the present task.

The mental game of planning out a route and challenging the



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Above, Melissa deVivar reaches for her next hold on the rock-like structure while her partner, Yman Tamisin, holds her rope secure.

Above left, Melissa deVivar belays for her climbing partner, while Matt Stoft tends to a cut lip as he watches the the climb.

body to accomplish the plan is the basis of climbing, said McCalmon.

"The balance of mental and physical is important," said deVivar. "Before I begin the climb, the thought of falling comes to mind. I say to myself, 'OK, Mel - Go.' I think it is all about staying focused, and that's where the mental aspect plays a role."

Some enthusiasts of the sport agree that the journey makes it all worthwhile.

"Rock climbing opens doors, and one cool thing is you can learn about different cultures," Stoft said. "In Asia, if you use

chalk as a method of a better grip, they find it offensive to the environment."

Rock climbing has become more popular during the years, according to McCalmon. "People are calling in constantly to Planet Granite to find out information," she said.

"I think it has become more popular because of the accessibility of indoor climbing, as well as the media influence. People see it in movies and want to go try it for themselves."

Stoft said he hopes to keep the fun to himself.

"I hope that this does not become trendy," Stoft said. "I climb because it's an excuse to be outdoors, and it keeps me in shape. I am kind of worried, though, that if the sport continues to become popular, then people will get away from appreciating the environment."

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Binge drinking at SJSU below national average

Pressure from friends, school are biggest reasons students drink, says peer education coordinator

By Sara Grace Ruf

DAILY STAFF WRITER

Binge drinking among college students at San Jose State University is lower than the national average, according to Margaret Tam, the Prevention Education Program coordinator at the Student Health Center.

The national average, presented in a 1999 study by the Harvard College Alcohol Study, found that 44 percent of the student population in more than 140 campuses participates in binge drinking, Tam said.

Tam did not have a statistic for the percentage of SJSU students who binge drink, but said she was certain it was lower than 44 percent.

According to the National Institute for Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, binge drinking is defined as consuming more than four drinks in one sitting.

Peer pressure and stress relief seem to influence binge drinking the most, Tam said.

Clint Chi, a senior majoring in marketing, agreed.

"When (people) are drunk, they make other people drink," Chi said.

"It's a social tool for some peo-

ple," added Daniel Toledo, a senior majoring in communications.

According to Tam, binge drinking is especially prevalent among students who are away from home for the first time.

Sometimes, Tam said, freshmen believe that drinking is part of the sought-after "college experience."

However, once students are older, they are less likely to binge drink because they have a network of friends and don't need to worry about fitting in, she said.

Tam attributed SJSU's low percentage of binge drinkers to the existence of programs such as the PEP.

Founded in 1990, the Peer Education Program sponsors other programs that try to educate students about responsible drinking, Tam said.

If students are going to drink, some things they should know include how to identify alcohol poisoning, what the legal limit for alcohol is and how to control their consumption so they remain below this level, Tam said.

"Because of (alcohol-related) deaths at Chico, the California State University chancellors formed a committee and came to policy recommendations in response," Tam said.

Some of those policies, which are still being reviewed by the alcohol and drug prevention committee of the Academic Senate, include implementing an open-container policy and alcohol training programs for student organization advisers and administrators, Tam said.

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MENTOR: Organizers hope the program will be ready by the spring semester

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came up with the idea that we should have a peer mentor program. Actually, many colleges have them."

Steinberg then met with Provost Marshall Goodman who supports the program, she said.

The committee reviewed research on the peer mentor program at SJSU, and more than 84 percent of about 400 students surveyed said they wished they had a peer mentor, Steinberg said.

To develop the program, she said she put together a peer mentor advisory committee, including graduate student Bernard Voon and Leon Dorosz, the acting associate vice president of curriculum and assessment.

"I've had more experience here, and I've been helping students in small ways in terms of writing and finding resources," Voon said. "I've been coming to this peer mentor program with my experiences in hopes of helping other students."

Voon will be more of an assistant than a mentor, Steinberg said. Along with the rest of the com-

mittee, Voon and Steinberg are working on recruiting students and starting the program during the spring.

For the time being, they have been sending students toward other services on campus, such as the career center and counseling offices, Steinberg said.

Right now, the committee is working on recruiting and advertising, Steinberg said.

"I think a lot of students are interested in finding mentors for themselves," Voon said. "Several students were here, and they were interested in applying for being a student mentor."

Nancy Castro, a sophomore majoring in advertising, showed interest in becoming a peer mentor.

"Basically you can help other students as well as help yourself," she said. "I'm interested in helping them with whatever I can."

Theo Paat, a sophomore majoring in civil engineering, said he is also applying.

"I figure I want to help the new students who come to San Jose State and make sure they fit

in the campus," Paat said. "When I first applied here, I wanted a mentor. Despite not having one, I want to be one so that I could help the students."

Students are more comfortable talking to other students than they are with staff and faculty, Steinberg said.

"The program was designed to help make the transition to San Jose State easier for new students," Steinberg said. "We're looking for students more experienced in school. We're going to train them so that they can mentor other students."

Steinberg said she would like faculty and staff members to encourage their students to apply for a position as a peer mentor.

Peer mentors will be trained to help students cope with academic issues such as technology and time management, though good communication, academic skills and sensitivity to diversity are the two most important areas that need to be covered, she said.

To apply, students need to go to www.sjsu.edu/muse or to undergraduate studies, located in

the Administration building, Room 159, to fill out an application.

The deadline is Oct. 26.

The students will be interviewed and, if accepted, will be required to sign-up for the class, University Studies 196, during the spring.

After completing the class, the students will become official mentors next fall, Steinberg said.

Other requirements include having at least a junior standing, a 2.5 grade point average, being open to diversity and technological issues and having good communication skills, Steinberg said.

Students will be able to work part-time and will be paid for their services.

Upper division credit can also be given, she said.

Mentors will be working as part of the Metropolitan University Scholar's Experience, which helps first year students in their college experience.

Students can contact Jill Steinberg at 924-5918 or by email at jillas@mail.sjsu.edu.

FAIR: Studying and teaching abroad

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York University went abroad on an exchange program and told me it was great, and I should check it out," he said.

A program exclusive to SJSU students is a spring semester in Bath, England.

Bill Briggs, a professor in the school of journalism and mass communications, spoke to some students about the program.

Each semester, a different academic department goes to Bath and teaches students in their related major, he said. Student participants live with English families while earning their degree. Overnight trips to London and Stratford, England, are scheduled in advance for the students as well, Briggs said.

But enrolled students aren't the only ones who can take advantage of the programs available at the fair.

Andrew Lee, a Japan Information Center program coordinator from the Japanese Consulate in

San Francisco, said this is a common misperception among students. Lee said he is seeking college graduates to go overseas for his program.

"The Japanese government wants to recruit graduates to teach English," he said.

According to Lee, the commitment for teaching in Japan is for one to three years and knowledge of the language is not required.

Mona Nyandoro, a regional recruiter for the Peace Corps, said she was also looking for graduates.

"We want students who have finished college and want to put their skills to work," she said.

The Peace Corps operates in more than 80 countries and tries to establish education and involvement in world peace issues, Nyandoro said.

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- 35,000 new students and 200,000 more to come
- Only one net permanent faculty position added between 1995 & 2000
- State funding reductions threaten quality education

Is it TOO EXTREME to say that the future of the California State University system is at risk?

**Be part of the answer.
Attend the Teach-In, October 16.**

THE ACCESS CRISIS: A combination of skyrocketing enrollment and inadequate funding threaten the very mission of the CSU as the "People's University." Funding reductions have sharply reduced course offerings, leaving many students, both full and part time, unable to access the courses necessary for graduation. Rather than find real solutions to the access crisis, typical administration responses, such as raising entrance standards and excluding students who need remediation, only serve to limit access to deserving students.

THE FISCAL CRISIS: According to the California Budget Project, higher education funding as a proportion of the State's General Fund has fallen dramatically. In the last 20 years, government spending on CSU has been cut nearly in half, from 6.5% to 3.5%.

THE ENROLLMENT CRISIS: Over the next few years the CSU is expecting an unprecedented wave of new students. Yet the CSU Administration and the State Legislature have no real plan to hire enough full time faculty, librarians, counselors or coaches to meet the needs of the growing student population. Between 1994-95 and 2000, student enrollment has jumped by 35,000 full time student equivalents, yet only one new tenure-track faculty position has been added. In fact, in 2000 there were 1400 fewer tenure-track faculty in the CSU than in 1990.

THE FACULTY CRISIS: Instead of tenured faculty, CSU has hired Lecturers, who are not compensated for counseling, mentoring or developing curriculum. Sometimes called "freeway flyers" because they must teach at multiple colleges and universities in order to make a living, these dedicated instructors have no benefits or job security. At the same time, tenured faculty salaries are so low and the workload so high that the CSU can't attract and retain new faculty.



Attend the Teach-In, October 16 at SJSU:
The California Faculty Association's Future of the University Project

**Classes begin at 9:00, 10:30, 1:30, and 3:00 in Engineering 285-287
At Noon "Agit-Prop" Theater in the Amphitheater (next to the Student Union) to be followed by a March to Tower Hall**

Students and faculty will be joined by community leaders, elected officials, education advocates and leaders of organized labor in a day of information and dialogue about what we all can do to preserve the CSU as a precious resource for all Californians.

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